MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

ATTENTION: Under Secretary Malcolm A. MacIntyre

SUBJECT: FY 1959 117L Program

In response to your memorandum of 17 November, subject as above, and in confirmation of our several conversations on the above subject, the Secretary of Defense and ARPA agree to the assignment by the Air Force of Project 117L to the ARDC for the next several years and until final objectives are obtained. It is also agreed that the tentative basic center, to be established at or near Offutt Air Force Base at some future date, will be operated by ARDC.

Noting your citation of the many factors involved, ARPA's actions or requests for action relating to Project 117L will be communicated through Headquarters, U. S. Air Force, to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Development, with copy to the Assistant Secretary for Research and Development.

The other factors mentioned, including those relating to funding and possible reassignment or review of certain firing schedules, have been discussed with you separately. Upon completion of the necessary review and readjustment of the program as required by fund availability and other priority ARPA projects, we will communicate with you further.

For your information, I have today addressed to you another letter relating to the procedures and handling of the DISCOVERER series of firings previously associated with Project 117L and now withdrawn therefrom.

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Director

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